

Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Harrisburg, PA

Project Title Family Savings Account Program

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AFI Grant Amount \$1,000,000

Nonfederal Support \$1,000,000

Project Period September 2005 – September 2010

Highlights The Pennsylvania Family Savings Account (FSA)/IDA

Program will expand its existing AFI and State IDA program to offer 914 new IDAs for homeownership, post-secondary education, and microenterprise. The match rate is \$1 to \$1. The goal is to expand the FSA/IDA program to provide

coverage of all 67 counties in Pennsylvania.

Target Population State of Pennsylvania

Grantee/Collaborative Description Pennsylvania's FSA/IDA Program was established in

response to 1996 State legislation authorizing a Statewide IDA program. Since then, 43 county-level programs have been put in place. The delivery of services in the 62 counties currently covered has resulted in partnerships with

56 financial institutions (47 banks and nine credit unions). As partners, these institutions make saving user-friendly and provide interest bearing savings accounts to participants while waiving bank fees and minimum deposit requirements.

Under this AFI Project, the State will identify and contract with 5 additional local nonprofit service providers in currently un-served counties and support current nonprofit grantee agencies that agree to expand their coverage to un-

served counties.